

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

1. **LAKE TRAIL:** EASY — 1.5 miles. Starts at the boat rental building (Civilian Conservation Corps ranger cabin) and goes around the south shore of the lake. This cabin is one of the oldest remaining CCC ranger cabins in Indiana. A short side loop takes you to the fire tower (CCC built in 1935). The trail returns via the dam, back to the beach area.
2. **JOHN CARTER TRAIL:** MODERATE — 2.1 miles. John Carter was a Lincoln family neighbor. This trail starts east of the gatehouse and proceeds through beautiful pines and past an old strip mine area before connecting with Trail 1 (Lake Trail) east of the campground. A short hop across SR 162 from the start of this trail is the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. Be sure to stop in and talk with their interpretive staff and tour the visitor center and "living farm." There is a fee.
3. **SARAH LINCOLN GRIGSBY TRAIL:** Moderate – 1.7 miles. This trail runs through the Sarah Lincoln Woods Nature Preserve. This is the park's most pristine and unique area. Here you may find many prairie plants unusual to the area. The dry upland forest has many steep slopes. Sarah, Abe's older sister died at an early age during childbirth at a nearby homestead.
4. **JAMES GENTRY TRAIL:** MODERATE — 3.7 miles. This trail takes you across (north of) State Road 162 along the northern border of the property to the site of the James Gentry home. Abraham Lincoln worked at the Gentry store as a young man and the Lincoln's slept their last night in Indiana at this location. A historical marker designates the site. Passing through mature forest, the trail returns south of State Road 162 to the Howell Shelter. A short side trail will take you to the Weber Lake trail if you desire.
5. **MR LINCOLN'S NEIGHBORHOOD WALK:** MODERATE — 1.7 miles. Young Abe spent many hours at the Gorden Mill waiting his turn to mill grain. This trail branches off of Trail 1 at the picnic shelter just west of the beach. You will pass the Little Pigeon Primitive Baptist Church and the gravesite of Sarah Lincoln Grigsby, the Gorden Home and Mill sites. This trail takes you near the Lincoln Amphitheatre. By connecting with Trail 1 on the south shore, you can continue around the lake. (Brochures available at the park office, nature center or box office .)
6. **WEBER LAKE TRAIL:** EASY – 1.8 miles. This light to moderate hike takes you along the remnant of the Troy-Gentryville Road *(continued at top)*

to Weber Lake. The 1.8-mile hike consists of old field succession stands of tree, a Civilian Conservation Corps pine grove, and the newly reclaimed Weber Lake. The lake is testimony to the reclamation efforts of the DNR and federal government. Weber Lake went from a “dead” lake to one that purifies water and supports a variety of wetland plant and animal species. You may walk the levee, scale the “high wall”, and look for reminders of the old mining days while viewing wildlife species.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the Park. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO₂ gun, bow and arrow, or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except when participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and attended at all times.
- There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas.
- Swimming is limited to such places and times as designated by the Department of Natural Resources.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- All motorized vehicles must remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Bicycles to be ridden on paved surfaces only.
- Use of metal detectors prohibited.
- Park closes from 11:00 PM until 7:00 AM, and no one is allowed in the park, except for campers using their sites between these hours.

For a complete list of rules and regulations inquire at park office.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

AMPHITHEATRE — Home of "Young Abe Lincoln" drama. The play is offered during the summer on Wednesday through Sunday evenings in repertory with a traditional musical.

BOATS — Canoes and rowboats are rented by the hour or day. Paddleboats are rented by the hour only. Privately owned boats may be launched. State launch permit is required. Only electric trolling motors, powered by no more than two 12-volt batteries are permitted.

CAMPING — Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to two (2) weeks. Sites will accommodate trailers. Reservation are available for both Class A (electric) and Class C sites through the Central Reservation System.

CONCESSIONS — A snack shop and grocery operate in the upper level of the beach bathhouse daily from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Firewood sold here.

FAMILY CABINS — Family cabins sleep six persons and are available from April through November. Non-smoking cabins are available. Cabins may be rented for a maximum of two (2) weeks. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

COLONEL JONES HOME — Historic home of Lincoln era friend and merchant. Tours and programs available throughout year.

FISHING — Bass, bluegill, etc. A state fishing license is required. They are available at the park office.

GROUP CAMP — Ideal for groups visiting the Lincoln sites nearby. Camp Lincoln accommodates 155 people. It includes sleeping cabins, a dining hall, kitchen, restrooms, showers and playfield. It is available from April to November. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

HIKING — Miles of hiking trails are available. They are rated easy to moderate in difficulty.

NATURE CENTER — Operates five days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Includes exhibits and programs offered by a full time naturalist. Program schedules are available by visiting the website at www.IN.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/ or call (812) 937-4710.

PICNIC AREAS — Offer tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and a playfield. Five picnic shelters may be reserved through the Central Reservation System.

SWIMMING — Swimming is permitted at your own risk from dawn to dusk. The bathhouse and beach are open from the Saturday before Memorial Day and no later than Labor Day.

CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEMS

Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made by going online or use the toll free number.

www.camp.IN.gov
1-866-6campIN
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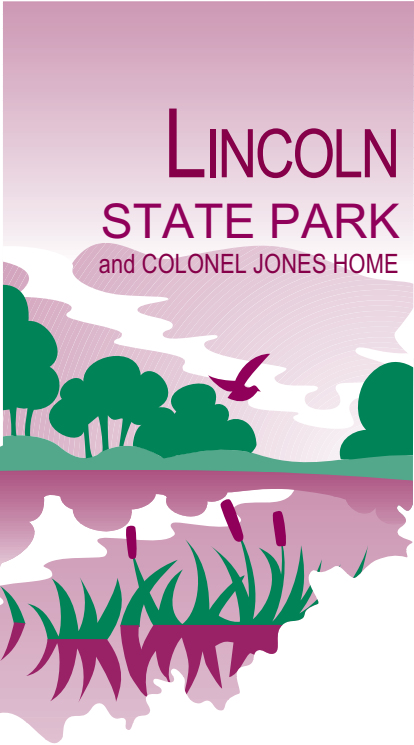
Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the park. List of fees available in the park office.

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INDIANA

LINCOLN
STATE PARK

and COLONEL JONES HOME



Lincoln State Park is steeped in history, culture and natural beauty. This 1,747-acre site was established in 1932 as a memorial to Abraham Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Abe spent part of his youth in the woods and fields of this region, and he once recalled his childhood home with these words, “The very spot where grew the bread that formed my bones, I see. How strange, old field, on thee to tread. And feel I’m part of thee.”

The park features a 1,514 seat outdoor amphitheatre where the drama “Young Abe Lincoln” comes to life every summer. Near the theatre a trail called “Mr. Lincoln’s Neighborhood Walk” highlights Lincoln-era sites such as Noah Gorden’s mill and the grave of Abe’s sister, Sarah Lincoln-Grigsby.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was instrumental in establishing the recreational facilities now found in the park. The CCC was a national program de-

signed to provide jobs for unemployed young men during the Great Depression. Up to 4 million men across the country were associated with the CCC from 1933-1942. They lived in army base-like camps, worked hard and left a significant mark in many Indiana State Parks. At Lincoln State Park, CCC crews built Lake Lincoln, the Lakeside shelter house, the boat rental building (formerly a ranger cabin) and many trails.

One of the most significant CCC projects was the planting of trees. Many of the existing trees within the park were planted by these men, who were sometimes called “The Tree Army” because of the thousands of trees they planted in parks all across the United States. Within these groves of green, visitors can find a cool respite from the summer sun as they use Lincoln’s family cabins, electric campground and group camp facilities.

The Sarah Lincoln Woods Nature Preserve is located in the southernmost portion of Lincoln State Park. This nature preserve protects a rare southern Indiana plant community called the oak barrens. Oak barrens are marked by small populations of prairie plants growing in very open oak woodlands with dry, sandy soil. Early surveyors described these sandy ridgetops with clearings as “barrens, some oak, hickory, grassy.” The management of this unique nature preserve adds to the diversity of the park’s habitats and provides protection of rare plants for the future.

A visit to Lincoln State Park is like taking a step back into time when the land was wild and Abe Lincoln was a boy. Enjoy your stay. Please disturb nothing. Take only pictures and leave only footprints. Abraham could be watching!

The modest neoclassical brick farmhouse of William Jones, merchant, farmer, politician, and Union Colonel, depicts life in the mid-nineteenth century. Born in Vincennes, Indiana, in 1803, Jones settled in Spencer County in 1828. He and his wife, Rachel, raised five sons on this farm, which also included a general store. Today, visitors can tour the house and a restored log barn, moved to the site in 1995. Tours and programs are scheduled from April through October. Request the Naturalist schedule for times.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the use and enjoyment of the people.